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SUBJECT:CITRUS WAX/FUNGICIDE

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1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON CALLED IN AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA JANUARY 19 TO FOLLOW UP ON STR REPRESENTATIONS ON CITRUS TRADE PROBLEMS (REF A). AGATT MATSUOKA ACCOMPANIED YASUKAWA. DEP. ASST. SEC. EDMOND AND EB AND JAPAN DESK REPS SAT IN. UNDER SECRETARY NOTED THAT JUST AS SOLUTION APPEARED TO BE EMERGING FOR FUNGICIDE ISSUE, THE REGULATION AFFECTING WAX HAD EMERGED TO THREATEN US CITRUS TRADE TO JAPAN. HE STATED THAT CITRUS PROBLEM WAS A VERY SERIOUS ECONOMIC ISSUE AND COULD BECOME POLITICALLY SERIOUS AS WELL

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IN THIS ELECTION YEAR. HE OBSERVED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL

TO FIND PROMPT SOLUTION WITHOUT GENERATING PUBLICITY. IF THERE WAS NO PROGRESS ON THE JAPANESE SIDE, THE CITRUS INDUSTRY WOULD TAKE ACTION WHICH WOULD CREATE POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN BOTH THE US AND JAPAN.

2. YASUKAWA SAID THAT GOJ WAS VERY MUCH AWARE THAT THIS COMPLICATED TECHNICAL ISSUE HAD SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. GOJ, HE SAID, WAS GIVING MATTER VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN ORDER TO FIND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SOLUTION WOULD EMERGE THROUGH WILLINGNESS OF US INDUSTRY TO USE "NATURAL" WAX. HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE WOULD DETERMINE POLYPALE TO BE A NATURAL WAX AND THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO EXCLUSION. HE STATED THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OFFICIALS HAD URGED JAPANESE IMPORTERS NOT TO CANCEL SHIPMENT ORDERS ON GROUNDS THAT SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND, BUT GOJ COULD NOT BE SURE OF THEIR REACTION. GOJ SHARED USG INTEREST IN AVOIDING PUBLICITY.

3. EDMOND SAID THAT THERE WERE PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM USDA THAT US INDUSTRY MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH NEW REGULATION IF POLYPALE WERE APPROVED. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT PROGRESS, AS FLORIDA CITRUS INDUSTRY WOULD BE MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, AND IN ABSENCE OF SOLUTION, WOULD PROBABLY MAKE ITS CASE PUBLIC. RESULTANT PUBLICITY WOULD HARM EFFORTS BY BOTH SIDES TO FIND A SOLUTION. HE ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING DEFERMENT OF ENTRY INTO EFFECT OF MHW REGULATION, IF DECISION SHOULD GO AGAINST POLYPALE. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN DECISION ON DEFERMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS.

4. UNDER SECRETARY INDICATED WE SYMPATHIZE WITH GOJ DESIRE TO PROTECT HEALTH OF JAPANESE PEOPLE AND ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN WORKING OUT AN ARRANGEMENT, BUT HE REEMPHASIZED URGENCY OF COMPROMISE SOLUTION. YASUKAWA PROMISED TO REITERATE TO TOKYO HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT THE PROBLEM BE RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER  
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